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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENTS: SOME SALIENT

IMPRESSIONS OF A FULL DAY

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1. ALTHOUGH AFCC PROCLAMATION ORDERS CABINET MINISTERS TO CONTINUE ON JOB UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, AND ALTHOUGH EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS CABINET TO HAVE MET TODAY, WE AS YET UNAWARE OF ATTITUDE INDIVIDUAL MINISTERS FOLLOWING DEPOSITION OF EMPEROR. CONSEQUENTLY, MEMBERSHIP AND FUTURE OF EPMG CABINET REMAINS UNCLEAR.

2. TO EXTENT EMBASSY AWARE OF THEM, REACTIONS TO DEPOSITION OF EMPEROR THUS FAR SUGGEST WIDE APPROVAL IN URBAN CENTERS. WE WOULD EXPECT RURAL RESPONSE TO REQUIRE SEVERAL DAYS TO COME
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CLEAR BUT NOTE THAT AS YET NO RPT NO INDICATION IT WILL

DIVERGE SIGNIFICANTLY FROM PACE-SETTING URBAN RESPONSE. SITUATION IN MAKELLE WILL BEAR WATCHING, BUT MUCH WILL DEPEND ON HOW MILITARY NOW DEAL WITH RAS MENGESHA SEYOUM AND ON HIS MOVES.

3. GIST EPMG'S PUBLICIZED FOREIGN POLICY GUIDELINES REMAINS UN-CHANGED FROM WHAT IT HAD BEEN UNDER PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS. IT REMAINS BE SEEN WHETHER THERE IS A CHANGE IN UNPUBLICIZED GUIDELINES.

4. DESIGNATION CROWN PRINCE AS "KING" AND NEXT CHIEF OF STATE COULD BE TACTICAL PLOY. IT SUGGESTS MILITARY MOVEMENTS' READINESS PRESERVE MONARCHY, AND THIS NO DOUBT USEFUL IN DULLING OPPOSITION WHICH DEPOSITION OF HAILE SELASSIE MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE AROUSED. REPORTEDLY RELIABLE SOURCE HAS TOLD BRITISH COLLEAGUE THAT AFCC DESIGNATED CROWN PRINCE IN EXPECTATION HE WOULD DECLINE RETURN FOR LEGITIMATE HEALTH REASONS. ACCORDING SOURCE, THIS WILL PERMIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO CREAT REGENCY COUNCIL TO SUPERVISE COMBINED CIVILIAN/MILITARY BUREAUCRACY. IT ALSO POSSIBLE THAT CALL UPON ASFA WOSSEN TO RETURN INTENDED PLACE HIM IN HANDS MILITARY AUTHORITIES FOR PURPOSE OF INCREASING THEIR LEVERAGE UPON EMPEROR FOR REPATRIATION HIS FOREIGN ASSETS.
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